

printers) have reprinted the report of the Fifth Pay Commission and sold at exorbitant price in the market:

(b) if so, the royalty fee charged by the Government and terms and conditions for awarding the contract; and

(c) if not, the punitive action taken/proposed to be taken against the publishers and printer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) It has come to the notice of the Government that M/s. Bahari Brothers have printed the report of the Fifth Pay Commission without the permission of the Government. Suitable action is being taken in the matter.

Sick Units

5031. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of sick heavy, medium and small scale industrial units in each State and the outstanding bank credits involved in such units;

(b) whether such sick units have increased during 1990-96;

(c) the number of such units considered to be viable and the Bank Credits involved in such viable units State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposed to give further assistance to viable units for revival; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Agreement between VSP and APSEB

5032. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for sale of surplus power in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions laid down in the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) An agreement has been signed between Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)/Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) on 24.3.1997 for sale of RINL's surplus power to the APSEB. As per the agreement RINL/VSP is required to supply a firm power of 24 MW net at 85% PLF from its captive power plant (i.e. 15.30 million units per month during the first year of agreement i.e. from the consumption month of January 1997) and 30 MW net @ 85% of PLF i.e. 18.36 MW/month from 2nd year onwards i.e. from consumption month of January, 1998.

NAM Meeting

5033. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Taliban Government have protested for inviting representatives of the deposed Afghan President Rabbani to the Non Aligned Movement meeting held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the political implications involved therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) We have seen a Taliban statement which was critical of the invitation extended by India as host country to the Government of President Rabbani to participate in the NAM Foreign Ministers Meeting which was held in New Delhi in April 1997. Mrs. Abdul Rahim Gafoorza, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs represented the Islamic State of Afghanistan. His credentials were not challenged by any Member State participating in the Meeting. The representative of President Rabbani continues to occupy the Afghan Chair at the UN. India's decision was therefore in keeping with international practice.

BIFR

5034. SHRI DARBARA SINGH :
COL. RAO RAM SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has warned the banks and Financial Institutions to be more vigilant to ensure implementation of revival schemes sanctioned by the Board;

(b) if so, whether any cell has been set up to monitor the half yearly progress report to be submitted by the sick industries/units;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that it has a Monitoring Division which monitors the implementation of the revival schemes. The monitoring agencies and sick industrial companies concerned are required to send to the BIFR half-yearly progress reports regarding the implementation of revival schemes. BIFR held a meeting of the representatives of the monitoring agencies recently to discuss measures for further improving the monitoring of the implementation of revival schemes.

(d) Does not arise.

Kashmir Issue

5035. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have worked out any package to deal with the Kashmir problem; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) The J&K issue relates to the illegal and forcible occupation of territory of the State by Pakistan. India is committed to resolving this issue through peaceful, bilateral negotiations as envisaged in the Shimla Agreement.

[Translation]

Amul

5036. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action against Amul Company under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Amul company, Gujarat has indulged in or has been indulging in black marketing with the connivance of distributors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) No enquiry against any company by the name Amul has been instituted under the MRTP Act, 1969 during the last three years. However, two restrictive trade practice enquiries (nos. 4 of 1994 and 245 of 1995) under the Act were instituted by the MRTP Commission against Kaira District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited (which markets milk and milk products under the brand name Amul) for having entered into an agreement with the distributors which did not give liberty to wholesalers/retailers to sell Amul milk at a price lower than the maximum recommended price and imposed territorial restrictions on the distributors.

In the aforesaid enquiries, two separate applications giving an undertaking to abide by the directions of the Commission as regards pricing and territorial restrictions filed by the respondent were accepted by the MRTP Commission. Notices in both the cases were discharged by the Commission with the direction that the respondent shall take step to amend the agreement in line with the undertaking given by it.

[English]

Sick Banks

5037. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to revive some weak and sick banks during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details of such banks alongwith the funds provided by the Government for the revival of those banks; and

(c) the term and conditions laid down for the revival of the said banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had advised banks to achieve 8% capital adequacy by 31.3.96. However, 8 nationalised banks could not achieve the 8% capital adequacy. These weak banks have been given time to achieve the same by 31.3.97 subject to the condition to contain credit expansion and capital expenditure, reduction in administrative expenditure, no fresh recruitment of staff etc.

Government has contributed additional share capital of Rs. 1509 crores in March 1997 to six of the nationalised banks who could not achieve 8% capital adequacy.

Unorganised Labourers in the Country

5038. SHRI ANNASAHI M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated strength of unorganised labour and total labour force in the country for the last 3 years with State-wise break-up;

(b) the details of steps taken during the past 3 years to protect and promote the interests of unorganised work force in the country;

(c) the details of schemes formulated/fresh policy initiatives taken under consideration for protecting/promoting the interests of unorganised labour, State-wise; and

(d) details of agenda (action plan) formulated for implementation during 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Workers are enumerated in the Census by activity in which they are engaged. Separate figures with respect to number of workers in the unorganised sector are not collected and are, therefore, not available. However, majority of workers in the rural areas and those engaged in activities like construction, road side hotels and dhabas etc. in urban areas are unorganised. A Statement showing number of total workers as per 1991 Census (State wise) is attached. A number of labour laws enacted for protection of workers' rights and for their welfare are also applicable to unorganised workers. Some such laws are, the Minimum Wages Act, the Payment of Wages Act, 1948, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 etc. Workers engaged in iron, manganese, chrome, limestone, dolomite and mica mines, cine industry and beedi industry are covered also by the various welfare programmes undertaken under the concerned welfare funds. State governments have also launched insurance and social security schemes covering large number of workers engaged in specific activities like handloom